

18. Uses of natural area:

Timber has been removed from the natural area in the limited portions where it was available, particularly in the swamp forest at the head of Callaghan Creek. Ditches have been placed throughout the pocosin and swamp forest communities at widely spaced intervals, but are absent from the marsh. The land use associated with this ditch system is not known; apparently the ditches are not being maintained. Agricultural development is not known to have been attempted in the natural area. Soils are generally considered inferior for modern agriculture due to high wood content (Barnes, pers. comm., 1982). Areas in the vicinity of Stumpy Point which were farmed in the 1800's may now be under water. Hunting is a low level use. An impounded area of marsh is located at the end of Point Peter Road. This 120-acre impoundment is leased to the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. Some commercial or private shellfishing may occur in the creeks. At the north end of the natural area, urban and suburban development from Manns Harbor adjoins the site along Spencer Creek. US 264, a major traffic artery in Dare County, bounds the natural area along the entire west side, a length of about 10 miles. High intensity uses are absent from all but the fringes of the area.

19. Uses of surrounding land:

a. Wildland 85 % c. high-intensity forestry %
b. Agricultural land 10 % d. developed 5 %

20. Preservation Status:

Cat	* %	*Description of preservation status
6	100	Private land, not protected by owner.

21. Regulatory protections in force:

US Army Corps of Engineers "404" dredge and fill regulations apply to
much or all of the natural area.